

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 USC 103 based on Wood in view of Hughes is respectfully requested for the following reasons. Wood does not disclose a fan adjacent a bottom floor in the manner claimed by applicant. The importance of this feature of applicant's claimed invention is described in the first paragraph on page 6 of the instant application. In sharp contrast, the Wood fan 20 is located a significant distance above bottom wall 2. In addition, Wood provides a flue 7 open to the exterior of the building and located between intake 6 and fan 20. No such flue is included in applicant's apparatus. Claims 1 and 3 are amended to call for a single fluid flow path being provided from the bottom floor level through the fan and humidifier to emphasize this distinction over Wood.

Hughes, like Wood, does not disclose a fan adjacent a bottom floor in the manner claimed by applicant. The fan 7 is located at the upper end of the Hughes apparatus and close to ceiling 18.

Accordingly, even if the proposed combination of Wood and Hughes were to be made it would not result in applicant's claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-5 as amended are believed to patentably distinguish over Wood and Hughes within the meaning of 35 USC 103.

Favorable action on this application is respectfully requested.

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